

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

Gabriela Mendoza Vasquez (7);  
Erica Maria Solis (15); Edgar Omar  
Herrera Farias (16); Juan Bravo  
Zambrano (19); Jose Adrian Mendoza  
(23); and Veronica Elvira Cortez  
(24),

Defendants.

No. 4:15-CR-6049-EFS-7  
4:15-CR-6049-EFS-15  
4:15-CR-6049-EFS-16  
4:15-CR-6049-EFS-19  
4:15-CR-6049-EFS-23  
4:15-CR-6049-EFS-24

**ORDER SETTING PRETRIAL  
CONFERENCES AND TRIAL TO COINCIDE  
WITH CO-DEFENDANTS**

**CASE MANAGEMENT ORDER**

Defendants Gabriela Mendoza Vasquez (7), Erica Maria Solis (15),  
Edgar Omar Herrera Farias (16), Juan Bravo Zambrano (19), Jose Adrian  
Mendoza (23), and Veronica Elvira Cortez (24) are joined for trial  
with co-defendants Jese David Casillas Carrillo (2), Rosa Granados  
(3), and Francisco Duarte Figueroa (6), and no motion to sever has  
been filed. Accordingly, the Court sets the pretrial conference and  
trial and enters a Case Management Order, which sets all Defendants'  
cases on the same timeline. Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6), the  
resulting period of delay is excluded under the Speedy Trial Act as to  
Defendants Gabriela Mendoza Vasquez (7), Erica Maria Solis (15), Edgar

Omar Herrera Farias (16), Juan Bravo Zambrano (19), Jose Adrian Mendoza (23), and Veronica Elvira Cortez (24).

The following Case Management Order sets forth the deadlines, hearings, and requirements the parties will observe in this matter. To the extent this Order conflicts with any previously entered Orders in this matter, this Order shall govern. All counsel are expected to carefully read and abide by this Order. The Court will grant relief from the requirements in this Order only upon motion and good cause shown.

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

**1. Emailing the Court.** Where this Order requires counsel to email documents to the Court, all documents shall be attached to the email in Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) or rich-text (.rtf) format. The subject line of each email shall be formatted as follows:

**[Case No.]; [Case Name]; [Title of Document]**

(e.g.: 16-CR-9999-EFS; USA v. Doe; Trial Brief)

**2. CM/ECF Training.** The Eastern District of Washington uses electronic filing through CM/ECF. Counsel must contact the Clerk's Office to arrange CM/ECF training within 30 days of appearance in this case or be otherwise experienced in the use of CM/ECF either in the Eastern District of Washington or another district.

**3. Discovery**

**A.** All discovery documents must be Bates-stamped with a unique identifier and must be produced digitally in a

1 text-searchable format. The Court will grant relief  
2 from this requirement only in exceptional  
3 circumstances, upon motion and good cause shown.

4 **B.** Pursuant to the Eastern District of Washington Local  
5 Criminal Rule 16, the Court presumes a defense  
6 request for discovery under Federal Rule of Criminal  
7 Procedure 16 for **documents and objects**, Fed. R. Crim.  
8 P. 16(a)(1)(E), **reports of examinations and tests**,  
9 Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(F), **AND expert witnesses**,  
10 Fed. R. Crim. P. 16(a)(1)(G), and as such these items  
11 are ordered disclosed. Therefore, the Court imposes  
12 a reciprocal duty on defense counsel to provide  
13 discovery under Rule 16(b)(1)(A-C) **for each of the**  
14 **above categories.** Defendants who do not wish to  
15 invoke reciprocal discovery obligations must file a  
16 notice with the Court and with opposing counsel prior  
17 to accepting discovery from the Government.

18 **C.** The Court further presumes a request for discovery  
19 and disclosure under Federal Rules of Evidence  
20 404(b), 608(b), and 609, *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S.  
21 83 (1963), *Giglio v. United States*, 405 U.S. 150  
22 (1972), *United States v. Henthorn*, 931 F.2d 29 (9th  
23 Cir. 1991), and their progeny. As such these items  
24 are ordered disclosed.

25 **D.** For those discovery matters ordered to be disclosed  
26 by this Order, a party shall not file a motion

1 seeking such discovery, unless the disclosing party  
2 fails to timely produce such discovery.

3 **E.** Any party seeking discovery or disclosure not  
4 otherwise provided for in this Order, or discovery  
5 that was ordered by this Order and not timely  
6 provided, shall file a motion stating the specific  
7 materials sought, the legal authority for the  
8 specific request, and certify that the movant has in  
9 good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the  
10 opposing party in an effort to obtain the discovery  
11 or disclosure without court action.

12 **4. Expert-Witness Summaries**

13 **A.** Each party shall produce to opposing counsel all  
14 summaries of its expert-witness testimony for which  
15 disclosure is required under Federal Rule of Criminal  
16 Procedure 16, by the deadlines set forth below:

17 **USAO's Experts: January 27, 2017**

18 **Defendants' Experts: February 3, 2017**

19 **USAO's Rebuttal Experts: February 10, 2017**

20 Also by the applicable deadline, counsel shall email  
21 an electronic copy of the summary to the Court at  
22 [SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov) and shall simultaneously  
23 file a Notice of Compliance with this requirement.

24 **B.** All summaries of expert witness testimony must  
25 conform to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16 and  
26 applicable case law interpreting that Rule. The

1 Court will not permit an expert witness to testify  
2 about opinions which are not explicitly expressed in  
3 that expert's summary. See, e.g., *United States v.*  
4 *W.R. Grace*, 526 F.3d 499 (9th Cir. 2008).

5 C. A party is not permitted to call more than two expert  
6 witnesses on any issue, except with permission of the  
7 Court. L.R. 43(a)(3).

8 **5. Motions Practice**

9 A. **Generally.** By no later than **February 17, 2017**, all  
10 pretrial motions – including discovery motions,  
11 *Daubert* motions, and motions in limine – must be  
12 filed and served. See Fed. R. Crim. P. 12(c). All  
13 motions shall either be: (i) noted for hearing  
14 without oral argument 14 days after filing, or (ii)  
15 noted for hearing with oral argument at the pretrial  
16 conference. Responses and replies to motions must be  
17 filed in accordance with Local Rule 7.1.

18 B. **Expedited Hearing.** Any party seeking an expedited  
19 hearing on a time-sensitive matter must file a motion  
20 to expedite which (i) demonstrates good cause, (ii)  
21 states the position of the opposing party to the  
22 motion, and (iii) sets a date of hearing that is no  
23 less than **seven days** after the motion's filing.  
24 Should the motion to expedite require more immediate  
25 judicial attention, the motion shall establish the  
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necessity for an immediate hearing, and the filing party shall notify chambers staff of the motion.

**6. Trial Continuances**

**A. Motion Deadline.** All motions to continue the trial must be heard before or at the final pretrial conference. Any motion to continue trial made after the pretrial conference has occurred will not be granted absent exceptional circumstances.

**B. Statement of Reasons.** Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161, if the Defendant seeks a continuance, a Statement of Reasons in support of the motion to continue must be filed contemporaneously with the motion.<sup>1</sup> The Statement of Reasons must (i) be signed by the Defendant, (ii) be signed by a certified translator, if applicable, and (iii) indicate the latest date upon which Defendant is willing to proceed to trial.

**C. Procedure.** Before filing a motion to continue, counsel shall first contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 to obtain new pretrial conference and trial dates consistent with the length of the requested trial continuance. Thereafter, counsel shall confer with opposing counsel regarding new case management deadlines consistent with the new pretrial conference and trial date. **All motions to continue**

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<sup>1</sup> The Court's Statement of Reasons template can be found on the Eastern District of Washington's public website: [www.waed.uscourts.gov](http://www.waed.uscourts.gov).

1 must include new proposed case management deadlines  
2 (either joint or individual) to ensure the to-be-  
3 imposed deadlines are best suited to this case.

4 **7. Pretrial Conference**

5 **A.** A Pretrial Conference is **SET** for **February 21, 2017**,  
6 at **1:30 p.m.** in **RICHLAND**.

7 **B.** The final pretrial conference is **SET** for **March 28**,  
8 **2017**, at **1:30 p.m.** in **YAKIMA**. At this hearing, the  
9 Court will hear all remaining pretrial motions.

10 **C.** All pretrial conferences are scheduled to last no  
11 more than **30 minutes**, with each side allotted **15**  
12 **minutes** to present their own motions and resist  
13 motions by opposing counsel. If any party  
14 anticipates requiring longer than 15 minutes, that  
15 party must notify the Courtroom Deputy at least seven  
16 days prior to the hearing. **Any party who fails to**  
17 **provide this notice will be limited to 15 minutes.**

18 **8. Confidential Informants (CIs).** By no later than **March 31**,  
19 **2017**, the USAO shall disclose to Defendants the identity of  
20 any CIs used in the case, as well as any *Giglio*  
21 information, and shall advise Defendants at that time  
22 whether any CI so identified is willing to be interviewed  
23 by defense counsel.

24 **9. Grand Jury Transcripts.** The USAO shall produce copies of  
25 the grand jury transcripts for any witness it intends to  
26 call at trial by: **March 31, 2017**.

1           **10. Exhibit Lists**

2           **A.** By no later than **April 7, 2017**, each party shall file  
 3 a list of exhibits the party intends to introduce at  
 4 trial. Each party shall also email copies of their  
 5 exhibit list to the Court at  
 6 [SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov). The parties shall  
 7 provide their exhibit list in the following format:

Ex. #	Admitted	Description
1		Photograph of items seized
2		Aerial video surveillance from 1/1/2016. Start Time: 01:03:23 End Time: 01:09:54

12 Exhibit lists shall include a unique exhibit number  
 13 and a brief description of the exhibit. For all  
 14 exhibits consisting of an audio or video file, the  
 15 exhibit list must designate the precise beginning and  
 16 ending time indexes of the portion of the file the  
 17 party intends to use at trial.

18           **B.** The USAO shall consecutively number their exhibits  
 19 from **1 to 999**. In single-defendant cases, Defendant  
 20 shall consecutively number exhibits from **1000 to**  
 21 **1999**; in multi-defendant cases, Defendants shall  
 22 consecutively number exhibits from x000 to x999,  
 23 substituting "x" for each Defendant's assigned case  
 24 identifier (e.g. Defendant 3 would number exhibits  
 25 from 3000 to 3999, etc.). Exhibits shall be pre-  
 26 marked for identification before trial commences.



1       **11. Witness Lists.** By no later than **April 7, 2017**, each party  
2 shall file and serve a list of witnesses that party intends  
3 to call to testify at trial. **The witness list must**  
4 **identify the existence, but need not include the name, of**  
5 **any CI the USAO intends to call to testify.** Parties shall  
6 email copies of their witness list to the Court at  
7 [SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov).

8       **12. Requested Voir Dire, Trial Briefs, Proposed Jury**  
9 **Instructions, and Verdict Form.** By no later than **April 7,**  
10 **2017**, each party shall file requested voir dire, a trial  
11 brief, proposed jury instructions, and verdict form, in  
12 accordance with the requirements below. Each party shall  
13 email copies to the Court at [SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov](mailto:SheaOrders@waed.uscourts.gov).

14       **A. Requested Voir Dire.** The parties may request that  
15 the Court include specific questions during the  
16 Court's standard voir dire. Requested voir dire  
17 shall not duplicate information elicited in the  
18 Clerk's Office Jury Questionnaire and the Court's  
19 Criminal Jury Trial Procedures Letter.

20       **B. Trial Briefs.** Trial briefs shall not exceed 20 pages  
21 without prior Court approval, upon motion and good  
22 cause shown. LR 39.1.

23       **C. Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form.** Jury  
24 instructions shall (i) address issues that are unique  
25 to the case, and (ii) include instructions regarding  
26 the elements of each charge or defense. If a Ninth

1 Circuit Model Jury Instruction exists for a  
2 particular charge or defense, the parties shall  
3 provide the model instruction or shall submit  
4 argument as to why the instruction is inadequate or  
5 no longer supported by law. Proposed jury  
6 instructions shall be accompanied by a proposed  
7 verdict form. **The parties must confer to develop**  
8 **joint proposed jury instructions and the verdict**  
9 **form.** The Court will only accept an individual  
10 party's proposed jury instructions on those  
11 points/issues upon which the parties could not agree,  
12 and only if the party's memorandum accompanying the  
13 individually proposed instructions sets forth the  
14 legal authority and justification for why the  
15 instructions are necessary.

### 16 **13. Exhibits**

17 **A. Exhibit Binders.** By no later than **April 10, 2017**,  
18 each party must provide to the Court two Bates-  
19 stamped copies of all trial exhibits – or, in the  
20 case of physical exhibits, a photograph or other  
21 reproduction of the exhibit – the party intends to  
22 introduce at trial. All trial exhibits shall be  
23 organized sequentially by exhibit number in a three-  
24 ring binder. The exhibit binders provided to the  
25 Court will not be available for use by the attorneys  
26 at trial.

1           **B.     JERS.**

2           i. The Court utilizes the Jury Evidence Recording  
3           System (JERS), a system that makes evidence  
4           digitally available to the jury during  
5           deliberations. **Counsel shall promptly consult the**  
6           **Court's JERS Information web page<sup>2</sup> to acquaint**  
7           **themselves with JERS procedures and to ensure they**  
8           **acquire, retain, and provide evidence to the Court**  
9           **in the necessary format.**

10          ii. By no later than **April 7, 2017**, each party who  
11          intends to introduce evidence at trial must supply  
12          its JERS exhibits to the Courtroom Deputy in the  
13          manner and format set forth in the JERS - Basics  
14          for Lawyers document.<sup>3</sup> Counsel may contact the  
15          Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 with any  
16          questions.

17          **C.     Exchange of Exhibits.** By no later than **April 7,**  
18          **2017**, each party must provide to all other parties a  
19          copy of the exhibits it intends to introduce at  
20          trial. The exhibits must be provided in digital  
21          format, unless the parties agree otherwise.

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23          <sup>2</sup> <http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/jers-information>.

24          <sup>3</sup> This document can be found on the Court's public website at the  
25          following link:

26          [http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/u86/JERS%20-  
%20Basics%20for%20Lawyers.pdf](http://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/u86/JERS%20-%20Basics%20for%20Lawyers.pdf).

1       **14. Witnesses Requiring Counsel.** By no later than **April 7,**  
2       **2017,** each party must advise the Court of any witness whose  
3       anticipated testimony may warrant the exercise of his/her  
4       rights under the Fifth Amendment and whether the witness  
5       requires the appointment of counsel.

6       **15. Trial Notices.** By no later than **April 7, 2017,** each party  
7       shall file a notice that indicates the amount of time  
8       requested for voir dire and for opening statement. In  
9       addition, defense counsel must indicate if his/her client  
10      waives presence at sidebar and jury questions.

11      **16. Technology Readiness Meeting.** By no later than **April 10,**  
12      **2017,** any party seeking to offer video or audio evidence at  
13      trial must meet with Court staff at the location of the  
14      trial to verify compatibility with the Court's presentation  
15      systems. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at  
16      (509) 943-8172 to arrange this meeting.

17      **17. Trial.** The jury trial is **SET** for **April 17, 2017,** at **9:00**  
18      **a.m.** in **RICHLAND.** Counsel and Defendants shall be prepared  
19      to meet with the Court at least 30 minutes prior to the  
20      commencement of the trial.

21      **18.** The Court finds that the delay in Defendant's trial is a  
22      reasonable period of delay resulting from the fact that  
23      Defendant is joined for trial with a co-defendant and no  
24      motion for severance has been granted. See 18 U.S.C.  
25      § 3161(h)(6). Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(6)), the  
26      Court **DECLARES EXCLUDABLE from Speedy Trial Act**

calculations the period from **December 27, 2016**, the date of this Order, through **April 17, 2017**, the new trial date, as the reasonable period of delay resulting from the joined trials.

#### 19. Summary of Deadlines

Rule 16 expert summaries produced to other parties and emailed to Court: USAO's Experts Defendants' Experts USAO's Rebuttal Experts	<b>January 27, 2017</b> <b>February 3, 2017</b> <b>February 10, 2017</b>
All pretrial motions, including discovery motions, <i>Daubert</i> motions, and motions <i>in limine</i> , filed	<b>February 17, 2017</b>
<b>PRETRIAL CONFERENCE</b>	<b>February 21, 2017</b> <b>1:30 P.M. - RICHLAND</b>
<b>FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE</b> <b><i>Deadline for motions to continue trial</i></b>	<b>March 28, 2017</b> <b>1:30 P.M. - YAKIMA</b>
CIs' identities, <i>Giglio</i> disclosures, and willingness to be interviewed disclosed to Defendants (if applicable)	<b>March 31, 2017</b>
Grand jury transcripts produced to Defendants	<b>March 31, 2017</b>
Exhibit and witness lists filed and emailed to the Court	<b>April 7, 2017</b>
Requested voir dire, trial briefs, jury instructions, and verdict forms filed and emailed to the Court	<b>April 7, 2017</b>
Exhibits delivered to all other parties	<b>April 7, 2017</b>
Whether any witness likely to exercise Fifth Amendment rights and requires appointed counsel	<b>April 7, 2017</b>
Delivery of JERS-compatible digital evidence files to the Courtroom Deputy	<b>April 7, 2017</b>
Trial notices filed with the Court	<b>April 7, 2017</b>
Exhibit binders delivered to the Court	<b>April 10, 2017</b>
Technology readiness meeting (in-person)	<b>April 10, 2017</b>
<b>JURY TRIAL</b>	<b>April 17, 2017</b> <b>9:00 A.M. - RICHLAND</b>

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1           **IT IS SO ORDERED.** The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this  
2 Order and provide copies to all counsel, the U.S. Probation Office,  
3 and the U.S. Marshals Service.

4           **DATED** this 27th day of December 2016.

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8                               Senior United States District Judge  
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